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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - VANCE TRIP, AUG. 10

SUMMARY: REPORTED PALESTINIAN CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF
MODIFIED VERSION OF RESOLUTION 242 DOMINATES PRESS COVERAGE.
ISRAELI-U.S. TENSION SAID TO RESULTING FROM PALESTINIANS'
DECISION HIGHLIGHTED; ISRAELI OBSESSION WITH "SECURITY"
CONTRASTED WITH ARAB SEARCH FOR "PEACE".
END SUMMARY.

1. ALL PAPERS REPORT PALESTINIAN CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF
A MODIFIED RESOLUTION 242 AND REPORT STIFFERING ISRAEL RESISTANCE
TO WHAT IS PERCEIVED AS FAVORABLE ARAB STANCE. AFTERNOON SEMI-
OFFICIAL "MAROC SOIR" OVER REUTERS REPORT ON PALESTINIAN DECISION,
CARTER'S REACTION, AND POSSIBLE OPENING OF PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON.
SAME PAPER CARRIES THIRD CONSECUTIVE EDITORIAL BY DIRECTOR MOULAY
AHMED ALAOUI CALLING ON U.S. TO PRESSURE ISRAEL INTO RECOGNITION
OF PLO AND PALESTINIANS RIGHT TO A HOMELAND. SINCE ISRAEL HAS
PROFITTED FROM THE STATE OF WAR SINCE 1967, AND HAS BECOME
"A COSTLY BURDENT" FOR THE U.S., SHE WILL HAVE TO BE FORCED TO
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ACCEPT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, AND ONLY THE U.S. HAS THE LEVERAGE
TO ACHIEVE THIS. AGAIN CITING KING HASSAN'S EVOCATION OF THE
"COMMON GENIUS OF JEWS AND ARABS," ALAOUI CONCLUDES "AMERICA ALONE
CAN IMPOSE THE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY AND REALISM... TO BRING ISRAELIS
AND PALESTINIANS TO THEIR HISTORIC COMPROMISE."

2. ELSEWHERE IN PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS, "LE MATIN" REPRINTS

ALAOUI'S AUG. 9 EDITORIAL (REPORTED IN RABAT 4392), WHILE "AL MITHAQ AL WATANI," IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THEY WANT SECURITY, WE WANT PEACE," SAYS THAT THOUGH ISRAEL'S OBSESSION WITH SECURITY TAKES ITS ATTITUDE BACK TO PRE-1967 DAYS, CARTER'S COMMENTS ON THE PALESTINIANS CONSTITUTE "A STEP FORWARD, DESPITE ISRAEL'S TURNING A DEAF EAR." IT CONCLUDES THAT "PEACE MEANS A RETURN TO THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS, WITH JEWS AND ARABS LIVING TOGETHER IN A JUST SOCIETY."

3. IN OPPOSITION PRESS, ISTIQLAL'S "L'OPINION" CARRIES SIGNED ARTICLE BY AHMED FADILI, WHOSE PREVIOUS WRITINGS HAVE BEEN VIRULENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN. CARTER, HE SAYS, IS GUILTY OF "DUPLICITY" BY SENDING ARMS AND FINANCIAL AID TO ISRAEL WHILE OFFERING THE ARABS ONLY VAGUE AND INCONSISTENT PROMISES. VANCE IN HIS TALKS WITH ARAB LEADERS "DOESN'T SHOW THE SLIGHTEST CONCERN FOR THE PALESTINIANS." AMERICA, HE SAYS, IS ENGAGED IN A TACTIC OF "BLACKMAILING THE PALESTINIANS... INTO RECOGNIZING ISRAEL WHILE OFFERING ONLY INSIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS IN RETURN." WASHINGTON MAY HAVE FOUND A FORMULA TO A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE, BUT HER INTENTIONS ARE SUSPECT. "PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HANGS BY A THREAT, WHICH THE AMERICANS HOLD BY ONE END; WILL THEY BE SKILLFUL ENOUGH TO MANIPULATE IT WITHOUT BREAKING IT?" ANOTHER ARTICLE IN ISTIQLAL PRESS REPRINTS FRENCH "LE POINT" WHICH ACCUSES U.S. BANKS OF USING THEIR FINANCIAL INFLUENCE TO PRESSURE SPAIN TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL. ANDERSON

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